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SUBJ: MEETING WITH CONGRESSMEN MURPHY AND STEELE

REF: STATE 67414

1. EMB HAS FOLLOWING BRIEF COMMENTS ON MURPHY- STEELE
NARCOTICS REPORT: WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE RECOGNITION IN REPORT
THAT ANTI- NARCOTICS EFFORT IN PERU " APPEARS TO HAVE MADE
IMPORTANT HEADWAY." EMB CONSIDERS THIS RESULTS FROM
GROWING GOP AWARENESS OF NARCOTICS PROBLEM AND STEPPED
UP ENFORCEMENT ACTION WHICH HAS BENEFITTED FRM INCIPIENT
USG ASSISTANCE IN FORM OF TRAINING AND INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT
GIVEN PIP BY BNDD.

2. AT SAME TIME EMB WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT INFORMATION
GENERATED AFTER CODEL MURPHY VISIT INDICATES THAT CLANDESTINE
COCA LEAF PRODUCTION IN PERU IS PROBABLY GREATER THAN WE
ASSUMED EARLIER AND POTENTIAL AMOUNTS OF COCAINE THAT ENTER
INTO ILLICIT TRAFFIC ARE CORRESPONDINGLY LARGER. ACQUISITION
OF BETTER APPRECIATION OF NARCOTICS SITUATION (PRODUCTION,
CONSUMPTION, TRAFFICKING) REMAINS HIGH PRIORITY OF NARCOTICS
CONTROL PLAN.

3. AS DEPT AWARE, INTER- AGENCY COMMITTEE HAS NOW ACTED
ON AN APPROVED EMB' S REQUESTS FOR \$12,000 FOR SUPPORT
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PIP' S NARCOTICS UNIT AS WELL AS \$6,000 FOR LEADER- TYPE GRANTS. EMB NOT PRESSING AT THIS TIME FOR APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION OF \$10,000 FOR USIS PROGRAMS. FIRST MONTH' S UTILIZATION OF PIP SUPPORT FUND HAS NETTED TWO CLANDESTINE LABS AND SIX SUSPECTS.

4. EMB PRESENTLY IN PROCESS REVISING NARCOTICS CONTROL PLAN WHICH WILL INCLUDE RECOMMENDATION USG PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND OTHER COMMODITIES. HOWEVER, WE HESITATE MAKE DEFINITE ESTIMATE THAT IT WILL TAKE \$2-3 MILLION TO ACHIEVE EFFECTIVE NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT, AS INDICATED IN REPORT.

5. FINALLY, WE NOTE THAT PERU IS COUNTRY WHERE VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE SANCTIONS HAVE BEEN APPLIED OR THREATENED (HICKENLOOPER, GONZALEZ, PELLY, FISHERMEN' S PROTECTIVE ACT AMENDMENTS) WITHOUT APPRECIABLE RESULTS IN OBTAINING MODIFICATION OF GOP POLICIES, AND WE ARE UNDERSTANDABLY DOUBTFUL THAT SECTION 481 OF FAA (RECOMMENDATION QQ) WILL NECESSARILY ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES OF FORCING STATES TO TAKE MORE EFFECTIVE SUPPRESSION MEASURES.
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